

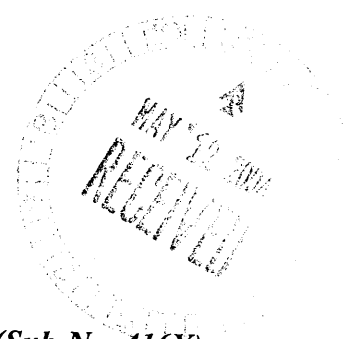
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May 6, 2004

Richard Snay
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1315 East-West Highway
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**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 416X);
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment
between Souris, North Dakota and Westhope, North Dakota**

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Dear Mr. Snay:

This responds to your letter of April 22, 2004 concerning the referenced abandonment. Upon receipt of effective authority from the Surface Transportation Board, BNSF plans to arrange for the salvage and disposition of the right-of-way and materials thereon. Accordingly, the five geodetic marker identified (attached) as being affected by the proposed abandonment should be relocated within the next 90 days.

Sincerely,

Brian Nettles

Chicago

Springfield

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Enclosure

cc: R. A. Batie (w/attachments)
John Sims (w/attachments)
Victoria Rutson (w/attachments)

Attachments



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

The area in question on the map with the Environmental and Historic Reports for the proposed rail line abandonment of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. for 15.50 miles of rail line between M.P. 52.00 near Souris, Bottineau County, North Dakota, and M.P. 67.50 near Westhope, Bottineau County, North Dakota, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 416X), has been reviewed within the areas of National Geodetic Survey (NGS) responsibility and expertise and in terms of the impact of the proposed actions on NGS activities and projects.

As a result of this review, 5 geodetic station markers have been identified that may be affected by the proposed abandonment; a listing of these markers is enclosed. Additional information about these station markers can be obtained via the Internet or NGS CD-ROM. A fact sheet for these two data retrieval methods is enclosed. If there are any planned activities which will disturb or destroy these markers, NGS requires not less than 90 days notification in advance of such activities in order to plan for their relocation.

If further information is needed for this geodetic marker, contact Mr. Frank C. Maida. His address is NOAA, N/NGS2, Room 8736, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282, telephone: 301-713-3198, fax: 301-713-4324, e-mail: Frank.Maida@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

BETWEEN SOURIS AND WESTHOPE

IN BOTTINEAU COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

STB DOCKET NO. AB-6 (SUB-NO.416X)

5 GEODETIC CONTROL MARKS IN THE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT AREA

PIDS	DESIGNATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
TF0515	K 347	N485429	W1004351
TF0516	L 347	N485430	W1004630
TF0517	M 347	N485428	W1004751
TF0518	N 347	N485428	W1005027
TF0690	S 347	N485429	W1010058